(b) if so, the details of such employees alongwith the posts held by them at that time;

(c) the financial loss incurred by Government due to this; and

(d) the names of those employees, out of the aforesaid employees, who have since been reinstated?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allowing print media access to capital from FIIs

839. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for allowing the print media access to capital from Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIS), Non Resident Indians (NRIs) and Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs);

(b) whether Government have already received a proposal from five editors; and

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the positive, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Government continues to be guided by the Cabinet decision of 1955, which prohibits publication of foreign owned newspapers/periodicals and Indian editions of foreign newspapers/periodicals dealing mainly with news and current affairs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The five editors have represented for permitting the print media to access capital through Indian companies having minority shareholding, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs),

Non Resident Indians (NRIs) and Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs).

Doordarshan revenue collection through advertisements

840. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue collection of Doordarshan through advertisements for the last five years;

(b) the number of Channels operated by Doordarshan throughout the country;

(c) the details of Channels' State-wise and Nation-wise; and

(d) the steps Government are takeing to increase the advertisement revenue?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) As per information furnished by Prasar Bharati, the revenue collection of Doordarshan through advertisements for the last five years is as under:—

1996-1997	Rs. 572.72 crores
1997-1998	Rs. 435.35 crores
1998-1999	Rs. 399.32 crores
1999-2000	Rs. 597.19 crores
2000-2001	Rs. 637.51 crores

(b) 21 Sir.

(c) The Details are as under:—

State-wise

1. Kerala	DD-4 Malayalam (RLSC)
2. Tamil Nadu	DD-5 Tamil (RLSC) "Podigal"
3. Orissa	DD-6 Oriya (RLSC)
4. West Bengal	DD-7 Bangla (RLSC)